

## **LISTING OF THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

1 (currently amended): A precoated metal sheet comprising a metal or plated metal sheet having stacked, on at least one surface thereof, at least a coat layer and an organic resin layer, the plating of the plated metal sheet consisting essentially of zinc and aluminum and the coat layer consisting ~~essentially~~ of one or both of a metal oxide and a metal hydroxide, wherein said one or both of the metal oxide and the metal hydroxide do not contain chromium, and wherein the coverage of said coat layer is from 50% to less than 100%.

2 (original): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the average film thickness of said coat layer is 5  $\mu\text{m}$  or less and the film thickness of said organic resin layer is 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or more.

3 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, which comprises, on both surfaces of the metal or plated metal sheet, said coat layer having an average film thickness of 5  $\mu\text{m}$  or less and, on at least one surface, an organic resin layer of 1  $\mu\text{m}$  or more as an upper layer.

Claim 4: (canceled).

5 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein said coat layer is in a form of islands.

6 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein cracks are present in the thickness direction of said coat layer.

7 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed in claim 1, wherein the metal species of one or both of said metal oxide and metal hydroxide is one or more member selected from the group consisting of zirconium, titanium and silicon.

8 (previously presented): The precoated metal sheet as claimed claim 1, wherein the metal species of one or both of said metal oxide and metal hydroxide is titanium.